

Ilford hit by injury

ILFORD could be without as many as four of their regular players when they take on Wycombe Wanderers in the Rothmans Isthmian League tomorrow (Saturday) at Newbury Park.

Centre-half John Still, well known to Wycombe fans for his tendency to pass the ball back to his goalkeeper rather regularly, dislocated his shoulder last week while his centre-back partner, the ever-consistent Peter Deadman, has been out for the last three weeks.

Utility player Tony Gibson hasn't played for two weeks while ex-England amateur striker John Butterfield aggravated an injury against St. Albans in the London Senior Cup on Saturday and is doubtful.

Ilford have had to re-shuffle their side to cope with this injury problem but they are still a force to be reckoned with. Terry Moore, Gwyn Walters, Peter Anderson, Tony Bass and Chester Brown are all experienced players. Bass incidentally, is still on the transfer list, but after much improved performances recently, Ilford are unlikely to part with him.

The East London club have lost only once at home this season when they fell to a shock 1-0 defeat against Leytonstone two weeks ago. They have already taken a point from Wycombe in the 1-1 draw at Loakes Park in October.